



City of Milwaukee

Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY SERVICE STAFFING TASK FORCE

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Friday, January 27, 2006

1:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-A

Meeting Convened: 1:40 P.M.

Members Present: Ald. Witkowski, Linda Burke, David Feldmeier, William Gielow, David Heard, Anna Rusinski, David Schroeder,

Members Excused: Tyrone Dumas

1) Committee Member Introductions

File description

Common Council File Number 050956, implements provisions relating to the establishments of a Community Service Staffing Special Purpose Account for public safety related proposes or police overtime in the 2006 City Budget.

2) Charge to Task Force by Common Council President Willie Hines

Common Council President Willie Hines addressed the task force regarding the purpose and intent for the development of the Community Service Staffing Task Force. He advised members that the objective is to develop innovative strategies to address issues, which affect the well being of our communities at a time when there are tremendous financial constraints.

Comments by Chairman

Ald. Witkowski advised members that "the task force shall investigate means and methods, appropriate for the city of Milwaukee, that would lead to community service staffing as well as funding for the eventual implementation of new staffing models for responding to Milwaukee residents' calls for service".

3) Research on Community Service Officers by Legislative Reference Bureau Staff

Mark Ramion, Legislative Reference Bureau offered a historical overview of Community Service Officers. Mr. Ramion explained that the Community Service Officers are civilians employed to assist in the improvement of the quality of service and reduce personnel cost with extensive job descriptions.

Mr. Ramion also provided research from various cities who currently use Community Service Officers.

4) Future direction of Task Force

Members discussed and outlined both the challenges and benefits of establishing Community Service Officers in the city of Milwaukee.

Challenges

- Unions, bargaining agent, who will represent the CSO?*
- Who will CSOs' report to?*
- Safety issues for CSO/citizen in escalating circumstances (i.e. priority 4 to a priority 2 or 1)*
- Will benefits outweigh cost (vehicles, uniforms, training, salary, benefits)*
- Infrastructure*
- Contractual obligations*
- Redevelopment, what level of enforcement?*
- Legal Issues?*
- Training?*
- Citizen response, satisfaction, acceptance.*

Benefits

- Improved response time*
- Freeing up sworn officers to respond to higher priority calls*
- Deterrence*
- Visibility*
- Customer satisfaction*
- Cost benefits*
- Possible police recruits*

This list offers an outline of some of the areas the task force will research, with additional topics to be added as their research expands.

5) Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

6) Next meeting date and time

Next meeting: February 10, 2006, 1:30 P.M., City Hall, Room 301-A.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:04 P.M.

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**All researched documents for this task force may be viewed at www.milwaukee.gov.
Under Common Council click on (Council Files) and type in file number 051321.**